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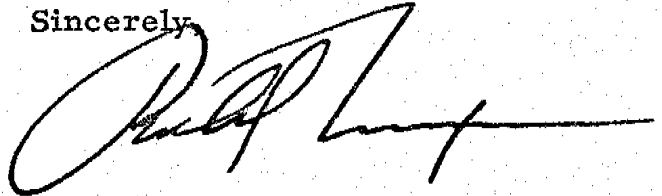
Dear Otto:

As the House prepares to vote today on H. R. 12067 making appropriations for foreign assistance, I want to stress again how great an importance I place on the Foreign Assistance Program. Its role in maintaining the security of our nation is no less than indispensable.

While I am much encouraged by your action in moving this bill forward, I would hope that in the course of the legislative process it will be possible to increase the assistance levels of certain programs now in the bill, particularly the programs for Supporting Assistance for our allies in Southeast Asia and development assistance for our Latin American neighbors.

I know that this program has had a troubled history and has sometimes been unpopular, so that I appreciate in special measure your vigorous role in pressing toward final passage of a comprehensive program.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Otto E. Passman
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Washington, D. C. 20515